
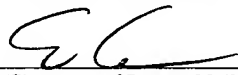


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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

- ☒ 1 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)  
[within 3 months of filing or prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Office Action]
- ☐ 2 Certification Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)  
[before Final Office Action or Allowance]
- ☐ 3 Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)  
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- ☐ 4 Petition, Certification & Petition Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)  
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- ☒ 5 A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith.

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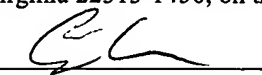
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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